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/ **RECOMMENDATIONS**

of the

**EEC-GREECE**

**Joint Parliamentary Committee**

**adopted in Berlin**

**on 24 November 1976**



EEC - GREECE  
JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Berlin, 24 November 1976

Mr Georges SPENALE  
President of the European Parliament  
European Centre - Kirchberg  
Robert Schuman Building  
LUXEMBOURG

Dear Mr President,

Please find attached the recommendations adopted by the  
EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee at the conclusion of its  
XIIth meeting, held in Berlin from 22 to 24 November 1976.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Paul DE CLERCQ  
Vice-Chairman

(sgd) Jean PESMAZOGLOU  
Chairman



XIIth MEETING  
22 - 24 November 1976  
Reichstag  
BERLIN

Final Communiqué

The EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee held its XIIth meeting at the Reichstag, Berlin, from 22 to 24 November 1976, under the chairmanship of Mr Paul De Clercq, Chairman of the European Parliament delegation, and Mr Jean Pasmazoglou, Chairman of the Greek Parliament delegations.

Mr P.H. Kooijmans, President of the Association Council and President of the Council of the Communities, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr George Contogeorgis, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Coordination and Planning of the Greek Government, and Mr Raymond Vouel, Member of the Commission of the Communities, took part in this meeting.

At the conclusion of its discussions the Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

on the accession negotiations

The Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- recalling its previous deliberations on the opening and conduct of the negotiations which should lead to the accession of Greece to the European Community,
- 1. Welcomes the fact that negotiations on the accession of Greece to the Community formally opened on 27 July 1976 and that on 19 October 1976, the procedure for conducting them was adopted;
- 2. Notes with satisfaction that the studies concerning the application of the rules of secondary Community legislation, and the necessary adjustments, have already started and are being actively pursued;
- 3. Further notes that with accession in mind, Greece will be kept regularly informed of the progress of Community policies in order to ensure the necessary consultations;
- 4. Stresses that over and above the results already obtained by the Association, the achievement of the principal objectives laid down in the Athens Agreement - particularly Customs Union and the harmonization of agricultural policies - will facilitate and expedite the negotiations on accession;
- 5. Is convinced that Greece's accession will be an opportunity for the Community to strengthen its cohesion and its capacity for decision and action;
- 6. Is convinced that Greece's accession to the Communities will enable the peoples of the Community and of Greece to accomplish together, in a spirit of democracy, both political and economic and social progress;
- 7. Recommends that the European Parliament and the Greek Parliament support all efforts to facilitate the negotiations on Greece's accession to the Community.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

on the Association

The Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- having noted the Report on the Activities of the Association Council and the statements by the President-in-Office, the representatives of the Greek Government and of the Council and Commission of the European Communities,
- 1. Reaffirms that the Association must be pursued and developed, particularly as regards the harmonization of agricultural policies, which will facilitate the negotiations on Greece's accession to the Community;
- 2. Welcomes the fact that the dismantling of tariffs and the alignment of Greek customs duties with the Common Customs Tariff are continuing in accordance with the timetable laid down by the Association Agreement and that the Customs Union is thus nearing completion;
- 3. Notes with regret, however, that the negotiations on the harmonization of agricultural policies have failed to make any appreciable progress and that countervailing charges are still imposed on Greek products listed in Annex III to the Association Agreement;
- 4. Considers that lasting and effective solutions to these problems can only be found as part of the harmonization of agricultural policies but meanwhile requests the Community to establish its position with regard to the measures to be taken to avoid the imposition of these countervailing charges;
- 5. Notes that the sums provided for within the framework of the Second Financial Protocol are less than those proposed by Greece and that they do not allow for compensation for the suspension of financial assistance during the dictatorship in Greece;
- 6. Stresses that financial assistance to Greece is provided for in the Athens Agreement and constitutes a vital factor in maintaining the balance of that Agreement;
- 7. Urgently requests that the Financial Protocol be signed as quickly as possible and emphasizes that, since Greece was deprived of financial assistance for many years, it must, as an exceptional measure, be applied as soon as it has been signed;
- 8. Notes that Greece's foreign trade has continued to expand but is concerned at the large deficit in Greece's trade balance and requests that the situation be made the subject of detailed discussions within the Association Council.

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RECOMMENDATION No. 3

on the situation in the eastern Mediterranean

The Joint Parliamentary Committee,

1. Also discussed the development of the situation in the eastern Mediterranean and its effects on international relations in this region; it expressed its anxieties on this subject;
2. Emphasizes that the eastern Mediterranean links three continents and must be an area of peace and cooperation with active cultural, economic and political communication between the peoples of the region;
3. Confirms that the existing problems in this zone must be solved as soon as possible by peaceful means and on the basis of international law.